

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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### INTRODUCTION

*God responds to the people's question about what God expects of them. It is not sacrifice, but a way of life that values justice, loving-kindness, and humility.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**                      “We Are Called”                      #720 ELW

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:**                      “Morning Has Broken”                      #556 ELW  
*Please rise on the last verse*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

O God, our merciful redeemer,

**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ✝ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:** "Let It Be"

**SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION:** "Thy Word"

**FIRST READING: Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8**

**Chapter 1**

<sup>3</sup>For lo, the LORD is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. <sup>4</sup>Then the mountains will melt under him and the valleys will burst open, like wax near the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. <sup>5</sup>All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?

**Chapter 5**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

**Chapter 6**

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**GOSPEL Matthew 9:13**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)”

Just as I am without one plea. But that Thy blood was shed for me and that  
Thou bidd’st me come to Thee O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am though toss’d about, with all my conflict all my doubt,  
Fightings and fears within without O Lamb of God I come I come

Jesus take all of me, I run to You, I run to You I lay everything at Your feet,  
Let my life be Yours

Just as I am Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve,  
Because Thy promises I believe O Lamb of God I come I come

Jesus take all of me, I run to You, I run to You I lay everything at Your feet,  
Let my life be Yours

Just as I am Thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down, Now to be  
Thine yes Thine alone, O Lamb of God I come I come

Jesus take all of me, I run to You, I run to You I lay everything at Your feet,  
Let my life be Yours

Jesus take all of me, I run to You, I run to You I lay everything at Your feet,  
Let my life be Yours Let my life be Yours, let my life be Yours

*Please Stand*

### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our  
prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy  
and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your  
good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Provide all living things with sufficient food and clean water. Make us ever  
mindful of the farmers and laborers who supply us with food, and open our hands  
to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Awaken our nation to care for veterans and others who have experienced the  
stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the  
well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others. Lord, in  
your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bow down to meet those who are trampled. Greet them with mercy, and give new life to those who feel overwhelmed or broken by discrimination, grief, or illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministries in our community that reach out to people who are unnoticed or neglected. Give us a common vision of justice that eliminates hunger, greed, and self-righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous (*those who have died during the past year may be named*), and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN            “Amazing Grace, Alleluia”**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, saved a wretch like me.  
Once was lost, but now am found, once was blind, but now I see.

**Chorus:** Alleluia Allelu    Alleluia Alleluia  
                 Alleluia Alleu    Alleluia Alleul Alleluia

Jesus love me this I know for the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong    **Chorus**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way.  
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.    **Chorus**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.  
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Creator God,  
**you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

All are welcome. (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Sovereign God,

**in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

The love of God surround you; the grace of ✠ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN:                    “This Land is Your Land”**

##### **Chorus**

This land is your land, this land is my land From California, to the New York Island,  
From the Redwood forest, to the Gulf stream waters This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway, I saw above me that endless skyway,  
I saw below me that golden valley, This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled and followed by footsteps,  
To the sparkling sand of her diamond deserts,  
And all around me a voice was sounding, This land was made for you and me.

When the sun comes shining and I was strolling,  
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds rolling,  
A voice was chanting and a fog was lifting, This land was made for you and me

##### **Chorus**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team

Ushers: 8:30 – Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Hospitality Hosts: Jack & Paula Spetz

Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

10:00 – Dick & Sue Stebbins

*Thank you for your service!*

## ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCES (Nov 2017-Oct 2018)

Marvin Berry	Ernest Burman	Eileen Dickenson	James Falk
Bev Ferdelman	Owen Heins	Wilma Heins	Kimiko Liljenquist
Rose Pedersen	Ivan Peterson		

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, November 4, 2018: 8:30am 68 10:00am 22

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Nov. 12 through Nov. 18, 2018

Monday	11/12	Carpet/Tile Cleaning-Kitchen, Hallway, Office
		9:00 am Women's Devotion at Pat Becker's
		12:30 pm Stewardship Meeting
		1:00 pm Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/13	12 – 2 pm Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	11/14	9:00 am Bible Study
		10:00 am Stitches
		5:30 pm Choir Practice
		7:00 pm Praise Team
Thursday	11/15	8:00 am ROMEOS
		10:00 am Property Meeting
		10:00 am Council Meeting
		12:30 pm Funtimers
Friday	11/16	10:00 am Bone Builders
Sunday	11/18	8:30 am Worship (need help taking down tables & chairs for carpet cleaning on Monday)
		10:00 am Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**BLESSING BOX** We received \$155.88 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

**WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS** will be on Monday, November 12th, 9:00-11:00 am at Pat Becker's house. Please come join us; we are an informal group of women who seek to learn more about God and what He is saying to us through the study of His word. The study is facilitated by Pat Becker.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Today during coffee fellowship shoe boxes will be packed. The VBS kids packed 27 boxes and we have school supplies and hygiene packs left over for at least 20 more boxes and will need help putting them together.

**FUNERAL SERVICES** for Marlys E. Beavers will be at noon on Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem will officiate. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service.

**MEN'S ANNUAL FISHING TRIP** Jan. 21st – 23rd, 2019. We will leave the church Monday, January 21 at 6:00am, stop at the Shining light café in Northome, for breakfast and to draw numbers for your fishing partner. Monday there will be a steak dinner at the lodge and on Tuesday they will serve breakfast, we will provide a sack lunch to take along fishing and then a fish fry for dinner. Wed. morning you are on your own, headed home. A check for \$100 payable to Bayview Lodge will be required, the deadline for this is December 10<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact Skip Hansen (218-839-2005) or Ron Mehlhop (507-276-0798) to make your reservations.

**SMILE AMAZON** Did you know your holiday purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Bethesda Lutheran Church when you do your holiday shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/> On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Search for Bethesda Lutheran Church and be sure to choose Isle, MN (not Aitkin, MN). Then shop and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchases to us! In less than 2 years we have received \$127.55 in donations.

**WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, noon. "Putting the Wonder Back in Christmas", speaker Gail Smith. Bring a salad to share.



## Saluting our Veterans



<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Ron Aho	Navy	58 – 64	
Ron Anderson	Army	49 - 53	Korea
John Ansell	Army	2003- 12	Iraq twice
Bob Beavers	Navy	42 - 45	Pacific
Maynard Berland	Army		
Les Bolke	Marines	43 – 45	Pacific
Roy Berg	National Guard	24 years	
Jerry Becker	Army/Guard	58 – 83	Korea
Chuck Carlson	USMCR	55 – 63	
Richard Carron	Army	68 – 70	Vietnam
Wayne Danielson	Army	62 – 64	Germany
Marty Dressely	Navy	8 years	
Marlyn Eklund	Army	55 – 58	
Tom Forester	Army	64 – 66	Ethiopia
Jack Foyo	Navy	60 – 66	Bearing Sea
Roy Gosselin	AirForce	47 – 49	
Lee Forrester	AirForce	65 – 69	Bermuda
Dick Gripp	Navy	43 – 45	Wake Island
Ron Haglund	National Guard	53 – 61	
Rollie Halvorson	Army	48 – 51	Korea
Doug Hansen	Army	1969	Germany
John Iverson	Navy Reserve	68 – 70	Mediterranean
Ted Jaszczak	Army	57 -59	
Delano Jones	Army	66 – 68	Vietnam
Ron Keil	Navy	75 – 79	Vietnam
Keith Kellen	Navy	65 – 69	Vietnam
Darrell Kelly	National Guard	60 - 64	
Melody Lackner	Army	74 – 76	Germany
Larry Liljenquist	USMC	89 – 93	Gulf War
Michael Lofgren	Marines	66 – 70	
Jim Magedanz	National Guard	66 - 72	
Jim Metteer	Army	69 – 71	Vietnam
Tom Mjelde	Air Force	55 – 59	Korea
Jerry Morris	Navy	61 – 63	
Troy Nyberg	USMC	4 years	
Dick Norlander	Army	66 – 69	Korea
Wayne Olson	National Guard	57 - 63	
Sam Samuelson	Air Force	68 – 72	Taiwan

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Alfie Sandell	Army	51 – 54	Korea
Jerry Schewe	Army	63 – 65	Germany
Ken Skogquist	Army	57 – 63	
George Smith	Army	69 - 70	Vietnam
Butch Stephenson	Navy	64 – 67	Vietnam
Dave Stueven	Army	69 – 72	
Wally Swenson	Army	53 – 56	
Dick Stebbins	Air Force	64 – 78	
Sally Stay	Army	4 years	Iraq

### Deceased Veterans from Bethesda

Spanish American	Martin Gudim	Walt Pedersen	
World War I	Arthur Andren	Ed Johnson	Joe Samson
World War II			
	Dennis Brooks	Ernest Burman	Leonard Goldman
	Wilbur Gorham	Walt Groehler	Lawrence Hjort
	Lloyd Jarson	Donald Johnson	Glen A. Johnson
	Norm Jorgenson	Fred Knudsen	Lloyd Lilienthal
	Gottfred Long	Richard Moe	Shirley Olson
	Harland Pedersen	Clarence Peterson	Sam Reinhard
	Swan Roseberg	Daniel Samson	Peg Schaefer
	Dale Siems	Dale Williams	

### Korean War & Other

Maynard Bakken	LeRoy Bondeson	Harlow Dickinson
James Falk	Melvin Hamman	Owen Heins
Richard Henrickson	Richard Holmquist	Merrill Honnold
Bill Johnson	Rev. Winfield Johnson	Earl Julien
Gary Miller	Donald Olson	Ivan Peterson
Don Rimer	Joann Roeker	Bill Schaefer
Lloyd Schaefer	Delmer Swanson	Norman Swedberg
Al Wedig	Darrel Westerlund	Howard Westerlund
Fredrick White		



Thank you all for your service to our country.